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Are Central New York Schools Getting Their Fair Share of Federal Funds?

While local children head back to school this week, the federal government is shortchanging Central New York schools. A look at the Administration's education budget shows that schools in the area could be shortchanged approximately \$64 million that was promised under the landmark No Child Left Behind (NCLB) legislation (Title I) and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). No Child Left Behind intends to help schools hire and retain highly-qualified teachers, improve curricula, repair buildings and make other improvements; however, the new budget proposal fails to provide the funding that was authorized to meet these goals. IDEA funds special education programs, teachers' salaries, books, and other major school expenses.

Below is a county-by-county breakdown of how the proposed budget impacts each county in Central New York. All NCLB funding numbers refer to the Title I component of the bill.

CORTLAND COUNTY	Full Funding (in millions)	Administration Proposal (in millions)	Difference (in millions)
NCLB Funding	\$3.9	\$2.5	\$1.4
IDEA Funding	\$4.1	\$1.9	\$2.2
Total	\$8.0	\$4.4	\$3.60

MADISON COUNTY	Full Funding (in millions)	Administration Proposal (in millions)	Difference (in millions)
NCLB Funding	\$4.0	\$2.6	\$1.4
IDEA Funding	\$5.6	\$2.6	\$3.0
Total	\$9.6	\$5.2	\$4.40

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ONEIDA COUNTY	Full Funding (in millions)	Administration Proposal (in millions)	Difference (in millions)
NCLB Funding	\$15.8	\$10.3	\$5.5
IDEA Funding	\$17.2	\$8.0	\$9.2
Total	\$33.0	\$18.3	14.7

ONONDAGA COUNTY	Full Funding (in millions)	Administration Proposal (in millions)	Difference (in millions)
NCLB Funding	\$34.9	\$22.6	\$12.3
IDEA Funding	\$37.2	\$17.2	\$20.0
Total	\$72.1	\$39.8	\$32.3

OSWEGO COUNTY	Full Funding (in millions)	Administration Proposal (in millions)	Difference (in millions)
NCLB Funding	\$10.6	\$6.9	\$3.7
IDEA Funding	\$10.6	\$4.9	\$5.7
Total	\$21.2	\$11.8	\$9.4

CENTRAL NY TOTALS	Full Funding (in millions)	Administration Proposal (in millions)	Difference (in millions)
NCLB Funding	69.2	44.9	24.3
IDEA Funding	\$74.7	\$34.6	\$40.1
Total	\$143.9	\$79.5	\$64.4

Source: Schumer analysis based on data from the Congressional Research Service, the National Education Association and the Department of Education